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Village Community Center ‘Dayavarsha’ at Hebbur

A Village Community Centre was opened to public at Hebbur (Kunigal-Tumkur Road) on 24 May 2016. This facility consists of a purification & coin-operated drinking water dispensing plant, a youth counselling centre and a training & tailoring unit for unemployed women and has been established on panchayat land leased to St. Gregorios Dayabhavan.

The Centre was inaugurated by Sri. Suresh Gowda (MLA, Tumkur Rural Constituency) in the presence of HG Dr. Yuhanon Mar Chrysostomos (President, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan), Sri.Nagaraju (PDO, Hebbur) and Sri. Papanna (Pradhana Archakaru), Sri.Chikkanna Swamy Kshethra, Sri. Raje Gowda (Member, Zilla Panchayat), Smt. Lakshmidevamma (President, Grama Panchayat, Hebbur), Sri. Chittappa (Father of late Nagesh) and Sri. H.G. Madhu (Member, Taluk Panchayat, Tumkur).







The Reverse Osmosis water purification plant (500 litre /hour, 2000-litre storage capacity) offers public & consumers potable water through a coin-operated dispensing system. 4000 litres of water are dispensed daily at subsidized cost, a beneficial service at this water-starved region. Raw water is supplied by the Village Panchayat.

In the first floor, the center offers counselling to village youth for education and employment opportunities, while a tailoring facility, established in the second floor, assists poor unemployed women with income generating schemes.

District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit (DAPCU) meets in Dayasparsha Hospital 30 May 2016

District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit's (DAPCU/ICTC) monthly meeting was held in our Dayasparsha Hospital (a specialty hospital for AIDS/HIV/TB) in Tumkur on 30th May 2016, which was presided by Dr. Mohandas (District DAPCU Officer) and duly attended by Mrs. Mohana Kumari (District Supervisor), Dr. Mamatha (Senior Medical Officer, ARTC Tumkur), and Dr. B.K. Rajkumar (Sr. Medical Officer, Dayasparsha Hospital). Further, 35 ICTC counselors, 37 laboratory technicians and 5 link ARTC staff nurses took part in the ensuing discussion.





The District Health officials were very appreciative of the medical services of Daysparsha Hospital to the rural community and recounted several benefits especially to the HIV infected patients. This would be considered as the only Hospital of its kind in Tumkur District as also within the adjoining regions that would be a blessing to the poor & afflicted.

The officials also suggested that a mini-operation room and gynaecology section for the HIV patients may add value and supplement the facilities.

Nagesh Memorial Lecture & Merit Award for Excellence in BSW Course

In fond memory of a beloved inmate, Master Nagesh, an in-house lecture program was organized on September 01, 2016 at Dayabhavan Campus in Kunigal. This was well attended and competed in true spirit. The program was inaugurated by HG Dr. Abraham Mar Seraphim (Vice-President, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan and Head of the Orthodox Indian Church, Bangalore Diocese) and participated by Fr. Jinesh Varkey (Secretary, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan), Dr. Parashuram (Chairman of Social Work Department, Tumkur University), Dr. Paramashivaiah (Finance Officer, Tumkur University), Dr. Ramesh (President, Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Study Center, Tumkur), Mr. Johny Joseph (Secretary, Governing Council, Holy Trinity College, Kunigal), Mr. Josy Abraham Maret (Principal Holy Trinity College, Kunigal), Mr. Papanna (Counselor, Kunigal Municipality), Mr. Gopinath (Manager, MP Office, Kunigal) and Mr. Chittappa (Father of late Nagesh).

All students of Master of Social Welfare took part in this program.

A memento and cash prize of Rs. 5000 was awarded to the Best Ranking student in BSW Course which was bagged by Miss. Manjula of Govt. Degree College, Chikkanayakan Halli; the 2nd prize (memento and cash award of Rs. 3000) went to Mr. CMS Gowda of Gurushree College, Tumkur.









Congratulations!
Kudos to Dayabhavan inmates in Academic Year 2016

Three of our inmates scored first class in final pre-university examination in May 2016 and secured admission in Engineering Degree courses through State-level, Common Entrance Test (CET-2016): Master B.V. Kiran (BE-Civil), Master Chidanand (BE-Mechanical) and Master Gowrish (BSc).



Master Kiran, Master Chidanand & Master Gowrish

Master Arun Secured District level prizes in Group Games in Athletics and Master Vikas received first prize in Relay, Fast walking, Kabaddi and kho-kho in the District level.



World Suicide Prevention Day is observed through public awareness program: 17 September 2016

Dayabhavan Capacity Building Wing conducted a mass awareness program engaging school students, faculty members, ASHA workers, Anganvadi workers and the public at the Govt. High School, Theredakuppe, Kunigal. The meeting was coordinated by Mr. V.G. Ramesh (Programme Coordinator, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan) and was well attended. Several relevant topics were discussed and a very fruitful interaction followed. These included: Suicide prevalence in India, adolescence issues and causes, coping mechanisms and prevention.





Headmistress Ms. Swarnamba expressed the view that knowledge and sharing of concerns and enhancing self-esteem are primary steps in alleviating such thoughts and thanked all for participating.

Support offered to Orphan & Vulnerable Children (OVC): Dayasparsha Hospital

Support and kinship is regularly expressed to the families afflicted by disease; this helps to enhance familial harmony and stability. The program was inaugurated by Dr. B.K. Rajkumar (Sr. Medical Officer, Dayasparsha Hospital) and coordinated by Mr. N.C. John (Administrator, Dayasparsha Hospital) and Mr. V.G. Ramesh (Coordinator, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan), Ms. Vidyashree (Counselor) and Ms. Lakshmi Devamma (Out Reach Worker).





17 family members attended and numerous family support programs were explained to them especially that of home-based care, counselling, education support, nutrition assistance, etc. The program also featured a session on experience-sharing by children, indoor games & activities and interaction by parents. Protein powder was distributed to all families present.

District Child Protection Officer visits Dayasparsha Hospital on June 11, 2016

Smt. Vasanti Uppar (District Child Protection Officer) visits Dayasparsha Hospital to distribute Education Kits to under-privileged children of HIV/AIDS infected parents. 110 children outside the campus are being supported and provided with educational assistance through this program.





OVBS conducted at St. Gregorios Dayabhavan in July 2016

Like every year, St. Thomas Orthodox Theological Seminary (Nagpur) assigned one of its interns to spend time at Dayabhavan during July as an outreach program. Deacon Thomas Mathew spent a short tenure in the campus mingling with inmates and inspiring them on with delightful programs - skits, gardening, extra-curricular activities and vocational bible classes. The interaction was enjoyable andendearing considering the fact that the Dayabhavan inmates hail from a wide stratum of social, culturaland religious backgrounds. Such an association helps to enhance the vision and curriculum of the interns as well as the participants.





Dayaboys and MSW Students engage in street plays to memorialize 'Getting to Zero' : 24 September 2016

Commemorating the international theme of World AIDS Day, 'Getting to Zero', namely zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths, the inmates of Dayabhavan (fondly known as Dayaboys) together with students of the Holy Trinity College, Kunigal (Social Welfare Course) staged a series of street plays in September 2016. This envisioned methods to tackle issues related to social discrimination and alleviating mental health concerns among rural areas of the district and benefits of counseling sessions (on education and employment opportunities) held at the Nagesh Memorial Counseling Unit in the Village Community Center, Hebbur.

Getting to Zero	HIV Infections	Access to practical, easy-to-understand information on how to prevent transmission of HIV, how to manage their health and HIV treatment, and where to go for care and support (Literacy/Counseling).
Getting to Zero	Discrimination	Protection against stigma and discrimination for people with HIV in areas as employment, housing and education (Education)
Getting to Zero	Deaths	Many are diagnosed late and therefore unable to receive the benefits of treatment. Starting treatment early with medical data will ensure best treatment for that situation (Pre-screening/medical campaign).





Street-play in progress in front of the Counselling Center at Hebbur

Hosting a de-addiction program at Ankanahalli Matt in Kunigal: 16 July 2016

About 70 alcoholics participated in a de-addiction program organized by St. Gregorios Dayabhavan under the auspices of Sri Kshethra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project (SKDRDP) in Kunigal. The event was coordinated by Mr. V.G. Ramesh of St. Gregorios Dayabhavan where the participants were provided with group counseling session on the ill-effects of alcohol on family & society. The inmates of Dayabhavan played skits and cultural shows for the participants.





Psychology lessons for the Young Minds: 29 June 2016

The psychology session proved to be a big draw on the students and faculty members at the SHV English Medium High School in Hebbur. School in Kunigal where Mr. Ranjith (Psychology Master of St. Gregorios Dayabhavan) shared invaluable advice and mentoring to the young minds. The topics were diverse and current, on adolescence, learning disability, depression, despair thoughts, sexual assault and drug abuse.





The session encouraged participants to purge divisive and, often, desolate thoughts and develop a bright outlook through education and self-esteem. There was keen interest and close Interaction among the participants.

Acts of Benevolence: From SBI General Insurance Company and Ernst & Young, Bangalore

In a thoughtful gesture, SBI General Insurance Company gifted several laptops and accessories to Dayabhavan in August 2016. To the 70 young inhabitants, this has been a most meaningful and learning store as most of them are in their formative years. Laptops are a much-needed resource today, and this act of kindness will certainly make a difference in the children's education and the opportunities that are likely to come their way.

Continuing their love afair with the children of Dayabhavan, an inspired Ernst & Young team gifted the entire requirements ofstudy desks and benches as well as wardrobes for the children's home. This was a follow-up action on their visit to the Kunigal campus earlier when the executives engaged in revelry and spent a bountiful time with the children. On their part, the children soaked in the gifts and enjoyed the time of their lives with music, dances and outdoor games organized by their mentors. The gifts from E&Y Foundation were in earnest - crockery, sport goods, sweets and utilities, and rewards of love.

Thank you E&Y for your time and kindness!






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- Adam Braun



Where there is genuine effort to alleviate pains of the afflicted, there Christ is born

-Geevarghese Mar Osthathios



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